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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN VIEW OF CEMA SESSION

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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH EMBASSY BUCHAREST'S COMMENT (PARA 6 REFTTEL) THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW CEMA PLANNED INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE, AND PARTICULARLY IN ROMANIA, WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ROMANIAN OBJECTIVES. CURRENT VISIT OF ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO MOSCOW FOR MEETING MIXED SOVIET-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MAY RESULT IN MORE INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

2. AN ARTICLE ON THE "SIX PROGRAMS" MENTIONED BY THE ROMANIAN ECONOMIST AS HAVING BEEN AGREED UPON AT THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE EDITION OF TASS VESTNIK ON JULY 12. THE ARTICLE SPECIFIED
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ONLY FIVE PROGRAMS UNDER SUB-HEADINGS, BUT A SIXTH IS IMPLIED IN A PARAGRAPH ABOUT COORDINATION IN "MATERIAL

PRODUCTION." WE DO NOT FIND ANY REFERENCE TO "EQUALIZATION."

3. THE PROGRAM FOR INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS ENTITLED "PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION OF BASIC TYPES OF FOODSTUFFS." IT MENTIONS MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF CEMA COUNTRIES FOR "HIGH-QUALITY FOODSTUFFS," AND "INTENSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION" THROUGH IRRIGATION, MECHANIZATION, LIVESTOCK BREEDING, INCREASED PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS. EACH CEMA COUNTRY WILL ALSO, IN THE FUTURE, "MAKE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE USE OF ITS NATURAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS TO INSURE BEST POSSIBLE PRODUCTION OF GRAINS, FODDER, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS."

4. ALL OF THE ABOVE APPEARS TO EMBASSY TO BE A VERY GENERAL, LONG-RANGE AFFAIR, AND WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY IMMEDIATE IMPACT FOR ROMANIA.

5. PERHAPS MORE PRECISE PICTURE WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FROM RESULTS OF VISIT HERE BY ROMANIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHEORGHE RADULESCU FOR MEETING OF MIXED SOVIET-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. RADULESCU ARRIVE IN MOSCOW JULY 14 AND MET WITH SOVIET TOP CEMA REP. M.A. LESECHKO, CPSU CC SECRETARY A. P. KIRILENKO, AND CPSU CC MEMBER K. F. KATUSHEV, WHO SPECIALIZES IN SOVIET RELATIONS WITH FRATERNAL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. STOESEL

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